

Claims

What is claimed is:

1. A method for rendering a polygon, the method comprising:
receiving geometry data defining vertices of the polygon,
5 computing initial vertex x,y values at end points proximate to each of the vertices
of the polygon;
computing a slope along each edge of the polygon;
interpolating x,y values along each respective edge of the polygon, wherein said
interpolating uses the computed slope along the respective edge of the polygon;
10 storing final x,y values for each respective edge of the polygon, wherein, for each
respective edge, said storing final x,y values comprises storing the interpolated x,y values
for non-end points of the respective edge, and said storing final x,y values comprises
storing the computed initial vertex x,y values for each of the end points of the respective
edge.

15 2. The method of claim 1, wherein said storing the computed initial vertex
x,y values for each of the end points of the respective edge comprises replacing
interpolated x,y values at the end points with the computed initial vertex x,y values.

20 3. The method of claim 1, wherein said storing the computed initial vertex
x,y values for each of the end points of the respective edge operates to prevent inclusion
of an extraneous pixel and/or exclusion of a pixel within the polygon.

25 4. The method of claim 1, wherein the computed slope is a quantized slope
value.

30 5. The method of claim 1, wherein the slope value is represented by a
quantized value having a first number of bits of precision, wherein the first number of
bits of precision produce inaccuracies for interpolated x,y values computed at the end
points of at least one edge of the polygon.

6. The method of claim 1, wherein the final x,y values comprise pixels for the polygon.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the polygon is a triangle.

8. A method for rendering a polygon, the method comprising:
receiving vertex data defining vertices of a polygon, wherein the vertices include
a first vertex and a second vertex;
computing initial vertex x,y values for end points proximate to the first vertex and
the second vertex of the polygon;
calculating a slope value along a first edge of the polygon located between the
first vertex and the second vertex;
interpolating x,y values along the first edge of the polygon between the first
vertex and the second vertex, wherein said interpolating uses the calculated slope value
along the first edge of the polygon;
storing final x,y values for the first edge of the polygon, wherein said storing final
x,y values comprises storing the interpolated x,y values for non-end points of the first
edge, and said storing final x,y values comprises storing the computed initial vertex x,y
values for each of the end points of the first edge.

9. The method of claim 8,
wherein said computing, said calculating, said interpolating, and said storing are
performed for each of the edges of the polygon.

10. The method of claim 8, wherein said storing the computed initial vertex
x,y values for each of the end points of the first edge comprises replacing interpolated x,y
values at the end points with the computed initial vertex x,y values.

11. The method of claim 8, wherein said storing the computed initial vertex x,y values for each of the end points of the first edge operates to prevent inclusion of an extraneous pixel and/or exclusion of a pixel within the polygon.

5 12. The method of claim 8, wherein the slope value is a quantized slope value.

13. The method of claim 8, wherein the slope value is represented by a quantized value having a first number of bits of precision, wherein the first number of bits of precision produce inaccuracies for interpolated x,y values computed at the end
10 points of the first edge of the polygon.

14. The method of claim 8, wherein the final x,y values comprise pixels for the polygon.

5 15. The method of claim 8, wherein the polygon is a triangle.

16. A method for rendering pixels, the method comprising:
receiving vertex data defining vertices of a polygon,
computing initial vertex x,y values proximate to each of the vertices of the
20 polygon;
computing a slope along each edge of the polygon;
interpolating x,y values along a first edge of the polygon, wherein the first edge is located between a first vertex and a second vertex of the polygon, wherein said interpolating uses a computed slope along the first edge of the polygon;
25 wherein said interpolating comprises using the computed initial vertex x,y values for end points of the first edge proximate to each of the first vertex and the second vertex.

17. A system for rendering a polygon, the system comprising:
a vertex processor operable to receive vertex data defining vertices of a polygon,
30 wherein the vertices include a first vertex and a second vertex, wherein the vertex processor is operable to assemble the vertex data

a render system coupled to the vertex processor to receive the assembled vertex data; and

a memory coupled to the setup unit;

wherein the render system is operable to:

5 compute initial vertex x,y values for end points proximate to the first vertex and the second vertex of the polygon;

 calculate a slope value along a first edge of the polygon located between the first vertex and the second vertex;

 interpolate x,y values along the first edge of the polygon between the first
10 vertex and the second vertex, wherein said interpolating uses the calculated slope value along the first edge of the polygon; and

 store final x,y values for the first edge of the polygon in the memory,
 wherein, in storing the final x,y values, the render system is operable to store the
 interpolated x,y values for non-end points of the first edge and store the computed initial
15 vertex x,y values for each of the end points of the first edge.

18. The system of claim 17, wherein, in storing the computed initial vertex x,y
 values for each of the end points of the first edge, the render system is operable to replace
 interpolated x,y values at the end points with the computed initial vertex x,y values.

19. The system of claim 17, wherein storage of the computed initial vertex x,y
 values for each of the end points of the first edge operates to prevent inclusion of an
 extraneous pixel and/or exclusion of a pixel within the polygon.

20. The system of claim 17, wherein the slope value is represented by a
 quantized value having a first number of bits of precision, wherein the first number of
 bits of precision produce inaccuracies for interpolated x,y values computed at the end
 points of the first edge of the polygon.

21. The system of claim 17, wherein the polygon is a triangle.

22. The system of claim 17, wherein the render system comprises at least one edge walker for interpolating the x,y values along the first edge of the polygon.

23. A system for rendering a polygon, the system comprising:

5 means for receiving geometry data defining vertices of the polygon,

means for computing initial vertex x,y values at end points proximate to each of the vertices of the polygon;

means for computing a slope along each edge of the polygon;

means for interpolating x,y values along each respective edge of the polygon,

10 wherein said interpolating uses the computed slope along the respective edge of the polygon;

means for storing final x,y values for each respective edge of the polygon, wherein, for each respective edge, said storing final x,y values comprises storing the interpolated x,y values for non-end points of the respective edge, and said storing final
15 x,y values comprises storing the computed initial vertex x,y values for each of the end points of the respective edge.